

South Dakota POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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SOUTH DAKOTA POULTRY RECEIPTS DOWN

SIOUX FALLS, April 29, 2003 – Value of egg production in South Dakota during 2002 was \$15.7 million, down 6 percent from the \$16.8 million in 2001, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers received an average 33.2 cents per dozen, down 5 percent from the previous year. Egg production in 2002 was estimated at 568 million, down 7 million, or 1 percent, from the previous year. Chicken deaths and other losses were down 15 percent from one year ago.

South Dakota producers raised 4.8 million turkeys in 2002, down 0.1 million from 2001, a decrease of 2 percent. The value of this production was \$55.6 million in 2002, down \$2.5 million from \$58.1 million in 2001. Pounds produced in 2002 totaled 158.9 million, down 4 percent from the 166.1 million pounds produced in 2001.

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